



## College Visit Information Official and Unofficial Visits

### Unofficial Visits

Unofficial Visit: Anytime you or your parents/legal guardians visit a college campus that is funded by you. You can take as many unofficial visits as you would like. During dead periods, you cannot speak to any of the coaches while visiting the campus. Three free tickets to a home game is the only thing a coach can give you during an unofficial visit.

### *Unofficial Visit Checklist & Script*

1. Throughout the year of your freshman, sophomore, and junior years, visit as many colleges of interest for “unofficial visits” as possible.
2. Contact the coach in advance to let them know that you are visiting the school and using the script provided (#5). Make sure you CC your team coach and the college coordinator, Alex Dixon ([dixon@seattleunited.com](mailto:dixon@seattleunited.com)).
3. Try to set up a campus tour.
4. Set up a meeting with the department of academic interest to get as much information as possible in the program.

**#5) Unofficial Visit Script:** Copy, paste, and fill in ALL the yellow highlighted script. In the subject line, write your name, graduation year, and club team (ex: Alan McDonnell - 2014 - Seattle United B95 Copa).

Coach (coach's name),

My name is (your name) and I play for Seattle United (team name). I wanted to inform you that I will be visiting (name of school) on (date of visit) as I am interested in both the soccer program and the (area of study interest) program at (name of school). If possible, I would like to meet with you while I am on campus at your convenience. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

(Your name)



## **Official Visits**

Once you have narrowed your college choices to the top 4-5, you need to start going on “official visits” your senior year. These visits are to help the student-athlete experience by staying on campus, visiting with the coach and players, attending classes, visiting with the professors of your chosen area of study, campus tours, participating in team activities, watching games, etc.

An official visit is any visit to a college campus paid for by the college. During an official visit, the college can pay for transportation to and from the college for the prospect, lodging and three meals per day for both the prospect and the parent or guardian, as well as three tickets to a home sports event.

### **Official Visit Checklist & Script**

1. Consult with your team coach or college coordinator before contacting any college for an official visit as most colleges will send an invitation for an official visit (it is not recommended to ask for an official visit).
2. Contact the coach stating interest in an official visit using the script provided (#6). Make sure you CC your team coach and the college coordinator, Alex Dixon ([dixon@seattleunited.com](mailto:dixon@seattleunited.com)).
3. Once the visit is set, notify your team coach and college coordinator.
4. While you are on your visit, gather as much information as possible about the school, the program, day to day life, etc. Make sure to ask questions.
5. After your visit, thank the coach and players for their time and send an email thanking the coach no later than one week after your visit.
6. Notify your team coach about your thoughts of the visit.
7. Note: Be prepared for the coach to give you a scholarship offer on this visit. If they are willing to spend budget money on you for an official visit, this is a good indicator that you are a top recruit. Have an idea as to what you will say if this does occur.

### **Official Visit Rules**

1. Before you take a visit you must send your transcripts to the college (NCAA Division I only) and SAT or ACT score and register with the Eligibility Center.
2. You can start taking official visits beginning opening day of classes your senior year.



3. You are allowed only one official visit per college and no more than five official visits to NCAA Division I and II colleges.

**#6) Official Visit Script:** Copy, paste, and fill in ALL the yellow highlighted script. In the subject line, write your name, graduation year, and club team name (ex: Alan McDonnell - 2014 - Seattle United B95 Copa).

**\*\*NOTE: Most of the time, college coaches will invite you to come on an official visit to the school.\*\***

Coach (coach's name),

I wanted to thank you for your interest in me as a student-athlete. I am very interested in the school and soccer program at (name of school) as it is one of the top schools on my list. I wanted to inform you that I would be very interested in coming on an official visit to (name of school) if that option is presented. Thank you for your time and interest and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

(Your name)

**#7) After an Official Visit Script:** Copy, paste, and fill in ALL the yellow highlighted script. In the subject line, write your name, graduation year, and club team name (ex: Alan McDonnell - 2014 - Seattle United B95 Copa).

Coach (coach's name),

I wanted to thank you for your interest in me as a student-athlete and having me at (name of school) for an official visit. I enjoyed (state what you enjoyed about the school and the visit). I hope to speak to you soon about my progress in making a decision for my college career. (This email is open for you to add anything you would like. For example, if you would like to accept the offer, if you are going to commit elsewhere, if you need more time to make a decision, etc.).

Sincerely,

(Your name)